2017 OBITUARIES

December

Nugent, Sister Alice, Daughters of Mary and Joseph. Born April 27, 1935 to Michael and Margaret (Perdue) Nugent in Springfield, Tipperary, Ireland. Sister Alice died December 23, 2017 at Nazareth House, Los Angeles. She is predeceased by her parents, brother Michael and sister Maureen. She is survived by her brothers Thomas(Betty), Patrick (Joan), Joseph and John (Margaret). She is sadly missed by her community and family, her numerous nieces and nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews and cousins. Sister Alice was a woman of multiple and varied talents. Her passionate dedication as Community archivist was a constant source of excitement for her and delight for us. She loved the history of the Congregation and never tired of researching various facets of our Founder's spirituality and teachings, all of which was further enhanced by her photography skills. Sister's other ministries included teaching in the dioceses of Los Angeles and San Francisco, her missionary work at the Archdiocesan Training Center in Recife, Brazil, financial administration in the Congregation's Generalate in Rome and Provincial Center, Los Angeles. Her great love for parish ministry was realized in St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Ontario, CA and St. Mel's in Norco, CA. The Daughters of Mary and Joseph express their gratitude to the medical staff at Nazareth House and Bonum Hospice for their compassionate care of Sister Alice.

REST IN PEACE

Andrew Finnerty
May 18, 1934 – December 13, 2017

Andy Finnerty passed away on December 13, 2017 in the loving care of the staff at the Karlton Residential Care Center in Anaheim, CA. He is survived by his wife Ann (McPaul), whom he married on January 3, 1970 in Athlone, Co. Westmeath, Ireland, his son Andrew (Kevin), daughter Sinead, son-in-law Jason, daughter-in-law Katy, grandchildren Roisin, Saoirse, and Jack Larkin, sisters Anne and Carmel, as well as many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews and a large circle of friends. He is pre-deceased by four brothers and two sisters, Michael, Peter, John, and Jimmy, Mary and Brigid (Breege).
Andy was born in Tullintuppeen, Co. Roscommon Ireland on May 18,1934 and was the 5th son of John Thomas and Ann Finnerty. He spent his formative years working on the family farm and helping his brother Peter in his chemist shop in Frenchpark. He attended Elphin vocational school where he excelled and woodwork. He later went to Tubbercurry, Co. Sligo to work at Gowna Wood Industries and became involved with the GAA, which would a big part of his life from then on out. After working for a summer in London in his early 20s, Andy planned to emigrate to Australia, but his course was changed by the Suez Canal Crisis, and instead, he emigrated to Montreal, Canada on his 23rd birthday with his sister Anne.
Life was difficult at first in Montreal since he didn't speak French, but Andy's outgoing personality quickly led him to the Irish Community where he was asked to be on the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, and the Queen's Selection Committee. He got involved with the local GAA and traveled to Boston and New York with his team to compete. He was also involved in ballroom dancing and an amateur acting group and staged several plays.
While in Montreal, Andy worked for Canada Air, but layoffs between contracts led him to emigrate to the USA in 1964. With his friends Aaron McErlain and Billy McGee, the three set out on route 66, eventually settling in Huntington Park, CA, an industrial suburb of Los Angeles. Since there were not much in the way of Irish activities in LA in the 1960s, Andy and some friends founded the Emerald Isle Club, which quickly grew to eight hundred members. The club sponsored as many as thirty-two functions a year, including Irish field days, Irish Dancing competitions, golf tournaments, bus trips, tennis games, football, hurling, dinner dances, as well as provided an excellent interaction with City Hall. In fact, for one Irish Field day, Mayor Sam Yorty declared July 4th, Irish Day in LA.
Andy had an incredible memory and knew as many as 170 Irish songs taught to him by his father, uncles (Pat and James), and neighbors during his rambling days. One of his legacies is the 1916 Easter Commemoration, which started in LA, and later made its way to the Brothers of St. Patrick in Orange County, where he organized a Gaelic mass, the raising of the tri-color, music, and an Easter egg hunt for the kids. He also organized the Brothers of St. Patrick Family Festival, a St. Patrick's Day event that drew thousands of visitors every year and raised much-needed funds for the novitiate.

Andy will be remembered for all the right reasons, he was a devoted to his country, his faith, and family, and was highly principled, and honest to a fault. He was the life of the party, and a great storyteller. As his nephew Kevin Finnerty said, "Can you imagine what he did for those who could never afford to return home from America; he brought Ireland alive again for them, brought it into their rooms, kitchens and workplaces raising their lonely and lost hearts and spirits."
Another one of Andy's nephew's, Paul McCabe perfectly said, "Andy was like the rest of us in that he was perfectly imperfect, but we can all certainly be better people by emulating his passion for life, his style and open expression of that passion, and his love for and commitment to family, friends, and community, I know I am better for having known and loved him."
A funeral mass celebrated by Mgr. Bernie Leheny and Mgr. James Loughnane took place at All Souls Mortuary Chapel, Long Beach, California on December 27, 2017. Internment will be in Tulsk Cemetery, Tulsk, Co. Roscommon. In Andy's memory, the family has funded a well in Uganda, Africa, through Wells of Life (c/o Neil Jordan), which will bring fresh drinking water to an entire village for many years.
Andy Finnerty Rest in Peace.

PATRICIA MCNAMARA (née Mahoney) was born March 22,1942 in Belfast, Northern Ireland. She moved to Los Angeles in 1965 and met her husband, John McNamara, soon after. The couple wed in 1973 in Limerick, Ireland. They settled in Hancock Park and had two children, Kelly and Robert, and they have four grandchildren. After a two year battle with cancer, Patricia died December 10th with her family surrounding her. She was a devoted and loving wife, mother and friend and she will be deeply missed by so many. She is survived by her loving husband, John, her children and grandchildren, her sisters Annette, Phyllis and Elizabeth, as well as her brothers Chris and John Paul Mahoney. She is predeceased by her parents, Robert and Mary Catherine Mahoney, and her two brothers, James and Anthony Mahoney. According to her wishes, her ashes will be laid to rest in Belfast this summer, where she will be home forever.

October

Remembering **John Keane,**

John Keane, well known man in the Irish community, passed away a few weeks ago.

John was born in Newport (near Westport) in County Mayo, Ireland on May 27, 1935, and died in Glendale, California on October 25, 2017.

Like many young men in Ireland, in the mid and late 50's, John immigrated to London, where he worked for 3 years. John immigrated to Chicago, Illinois in 1960. Sometime after, he got a job with Colonel Parker, who was a manager of many famous country-western stars. After 2 years, he moved to Nashville, Tennessee. He got transferred to Palm Springs and Los Angeles in 1965. Working for Colonel Parker, he got to meet many famous people including Elvis Presley and attended his wedding in Las Vegas. John never got married and I asked one time why and he said he made two people happy, some woman and himself. (one of John's jokes)

John loved to travel all over the western United States and especially Mexico, where he travelled many thousands of miles. He loved to visit old western towns such as Tombstone, Arizona and Virginia City, Nevada and several others. Also, he visited Australia and New Zealand.

He was very quiet until you got to know him and could imitate many famous people. He was great for telling jokes and was exceptionally honest, generous, and helpful. We never saw him get mad at anyone or say anything hurtful about anyone.

We, in the Irish community of California, will miss his smile and good humor at our parties and dances. John's brother Paddy and wife Jennifer live with their family in Newport, Co. Mayo. John was buried in Newport, Co. Mayo.

So until we meet again John, May God hold you in the hollow of his hands.

Pat and Bridie McKenna

August

Maureen Faherty, who was in her late 90s, passed away recently. Maureen hailed from Co. Mayo and for many years worked as a nurse for Mrs. Doheney.

Margaret O'Shea passed away in Limerick recently. Margaret worked as an RN and lived in Los Angeles for many years with her husband Tim who predeceased her. Margaret and Tim moved to Palm Desert and following Tim's death Margaret relocated back to her native Limerick.

Kerry, daughter of Don Breyer, died in early August due to a slip and fall accident in her own bathroom. Kerry traveled to Ireland with Michael Breen and a group of Irish dancers in 2001.
Kerry was a civil engineer and worked for the City of Santa Clarita. She died just days before her 49th birthday (August 22, 2017). Kerry went scuba diving all over the world and her ashes went to the place where she loved to be.
Rest in Peace Kerry.

William McCormack
January 01, 1935 - August 07, 2017

William "Bill" McCormack passed away at his home in Yorba Linda after a long struggle with Parkinson's disease. Bill was born in Dublin, and came to California in 1960 after six years in Australia.

July

James B O'Dea
March 20, 1934 - July 31, 2017

James B. O'Dea was born on March 20, 1934 to Patrick and Jane O'Dea in County Mayo, Ireland. He was the youngest of 6 children. Jimmy, as he was most commonly known, passed away at his home peacefully the morning of July 31, 2017. Jimmy O'Dea met his beloved wife Gretta in Dublin, Ireland while attending University there. Theirs was a romance at "first wink". That was all it took to bring these two together as they crossed paths one day while walking along O'Connell Street in Dublin. They married a few years later and moved to London. It was there they had their first son Kevin in 1962. In 1964 they set out to follow their dreams of living in America. Jimmy's first job was in the meat packing department of Farmer John before he secured his first teaching position at Pomona Girls Catholic School. From there he moved to teach at Bishop Amat High School for a short time and then finally on to West Covina High School where he remained for 37 years teaching Math, and for a time, coaching soccer. It was during that time period that Jimmy and Gretta welcomed two more sons, Mark in 1967, and Barry in 1973. It was also during this time that Jimmy earned his Masters Degree in Physical Science from Azusa Pacific University. After moving several times, they finally settled in to their final home in Rowland Heights, California in 1977 where they remained for the rest of their lives. Gretta O'Dea passed away in 1989 and Jimmy never remarried. Jimmy retired from teaching in 1999 and spent his retirement years enjoying time with his grandchildren whom he adored. Jimmy also enjoyed spending time with the friends that he loved so much. He really enjoyed golfing, dancing, and especially having a nice meal out with his friends and a nice glass of wine. His charm, his smile, and his sense of humor will always be remembered. His love for his family will always endure. Jimmy O'Dea is survived by his two sisters, Phyllis and Pauline, his three sons: Kevin, Mark, and Barry, and his six grandchildren: Breanna, Austin, Margaret, Maya, Katherine, and Greta.

Fred M. Leathem
October 25, 1922 – July 9, 2017
Fred M. Leathem passed away on Sunday, July 9th. He was born in Downpatrick, Co. Down on October 25, 1922. He came to America in January 1948. In December of the same year he met Rosamond Redmond and they were married on February 11, 1950. They had two children, Tom and Rita, two grandchildren Brendan and Meghan, two great grandchildren Raymar and Tomas with a third great grand-daughter due in October.

Frank worked at the White King Soap Company before going to work at the Los Angeles Times. He left the Times to work with Pacific Press and became the Vice President of the CWA union. He retired in 1992 and for the next 20 years he returned to Ireland in the summers.

Mass was held on Saturday, August 19, 2017, at St. James the Less Catholic Church, La Crescenta, CA 91214.

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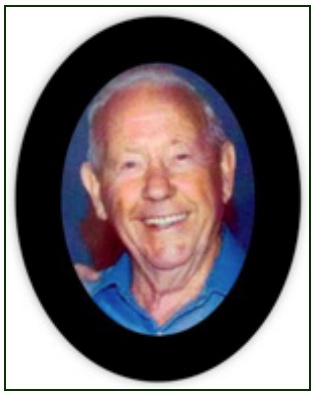
June

John McDermott
July 7, 1927 – June 29, 2017

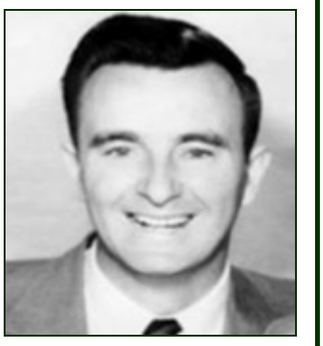
An Irish immigrant who lived the American dream, John McDermott peacefully passed away on June 29, 2017. He was welcomed to heaven by his parents, Francis and Maria McDermott, his 8 siblings, and his daughter Nora. Born in Manorhamilton, County Leitrim, as the 9th of 10 children, he booked his passage on the Queen Mary in 1948, arrived in America and traveled by bus to Pomona, California to be with his sister Mary. In 1950, he was drafted in the United States Army and fought during the Korean War.
Upon returning to the states, he worked for Southern Pacific Railroad and met the love of his life, Bridget (Bridie) Connolly who hailed from County Mayo, Ireland. They married in 1954 and had 5 children. For several years, he worked for his brother- in- law in the material handling industry, and at the age of 40, he began his own material handling company, McDermott Equipment and Supply, in El Monte, CA, where he worked until he was 80 years old. He employed many people and he was known as the man in the “caster” business, supplying casters to department stores, grocery stores, airlines, and many other industries. In addition to running a business, he attended night classes at Est Los Angeles College; education was important to him, so he worked diligently to ensure that all his children received a college education. Later in life, he passed the California Real Estate exam and received his license to practice.
John’s success in business was derived from his ability to be charming and witty with his Irish accent and shenanigans. He carried these traits with him until the very end, telling jokes and making people smile. He was a gentleman who made people at ease with his comforting and happy demeanor. He loved to entertain family, friends and vagabonds, but when it was his bedtime, he quietly disappeared and made his way upstairs. He valued his wife and family more than anything and considered his brother Paddy, his very best friend.
An active parishioner of St. Therese Church in Alhambra for over 50 years, John was a devout Catholic and man of great faith who often could be found silently reciting the rosary wherever he was. He always wore a scapular.
A devoted husband and father, he enjoyed Dodger games and weekends at his beach home with family and friends. He was a man who lived without a cell phone and computer his entire life, yet he remained intimate with those who mattered to him. John is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Bridie, his 4 adult children, Frank (Nancy) McDermott, Maureen (Sam) Battle, Sean (Anne) McDermott, Eileen (Richard) Smith, and son-in-law William Mace; brother, Cormac; 10 grandchildren: Sam, Caroline and Katie (Battle), Willie, Austin, and Julia (Mace), Brendan and Claire McDermott, and Hayden and Kerrigan (Smith), and 7 great-grandchildren who will forever be grateful for the love he shared with them.

Thomas ”Tommy” George Kiernan August 12, 1926 - June 27, 2017



Thomas George Kiernan was born in Dublin, Ireland, August 12, 1926. He attended the local elementary and high schools there. As a young man in his early 20’s he became a professional speedway motorcycle racer. “Tommy”, met the love of his life, Kathleen O’Reilly and married her August 4, 1952. They had five children, Carol Kiernan-Griswold, Pauline Kiernan, Aileen Kiernan, Dermot Kiernan, and Kathleen Kiernan Jr. They have three grandchildren, Monica Denney, Ryan Wood-Taylor, and Makayla Smith. Also, they have three great grandchildren, Colin Denney, Brianna Denney and Nyla Wood-Taylor. In 1956, Tommy and Kathleen and children immigrated to Toronto, Canada and stayed for two years , waiting to be admitted into the United States of America. Finally, in 1959 they drove across the US to California and settled in the San Fernando Valley. As owner and contractor of “Tommy Kiernan Plumbing,” he made many friends and business associates throughout the San Fernando Valley and Los Angeles County. He was active in the Irish community, belonging to Irish Clubs and a participant in the St. Ambrose Ceili Set Dancers. He attended yearly the Irish Center of Southern California St. Patrick’s Day dinner dance and show. In March of 2017, at the St. Patrick’s Day celebration he was awarded the Irishman of the Year 2017! Tommy passed away and went home to the Lord on June 27, 2017, in his daughter, Aileen’s home in Oceanside, California. He will be remembered as a loving family man, a hard worker, optimistic, and a God loving, giving person. There was always a twinkle in his eye and a joke to follow! We will miss him always Thomas Kiernan lost his fight with lung cancer and went home to the Lord. July 22, 2017 was a very special day for the Kiernan family. We honored our Dad, "Tommy", with his funeral/celebration of life at St. Cyril's in Encino. Burial was held at San Fernando Mission Hills Cemetery and a reception at the Mayflower Club in North Hollywood. It was a fantastic day! Father Donie Keohane (West Cork) presided over a beautiful mass and our singer, Helena Buscema was angelic ! Her guitarist, Phil Buscema, was wonderful and learned, "Our Lady of Knock". just for the occasion, bringing tears to many eyes. At the burial, Brian Walsh played an ancient Irish horn, echoing two memorable soothing tunes. Afterwards, at the Mayflower Club, we ate a good meal and kicked up our heals to the fantastic band. "Wakin Kate"! Upon the request of Tim Martin, some of the Irish set dancers happily agreed to perform and honor Dad/ Tommy by dancing many great sets for all to enjoy! Then, Maggie Cleary surprised us, bringing six of her dancers that performed several dances as a tribute to our Dad/Tommy! The evening ended with individuals, voluntarily singing Irish songs and ballads. We, the Kiernan family, want to thank all who attended to give Dad a great send off! There was so much love in the room and we know Dad is smiling down from above!

Miriam Devlin was born August 16, 1931 in Dublin, Ireland. She was the 2nd of 9 children to William Tyrrell and Clare (Kelly) Tyrrell. She immigrated to Canada in her twenties, where she met her future husband Peter, and they were married in 1956. Shortly afterwards, the newlyweds joined their brother, Dr. Patrick Devlin in the Long Beach area where they built their business, Devco Medical Industries, and ultimately lived for 6 decades. But Ireland was never far from her heart, and she visited her home country almost yearly. Miriam was a gifted painter and spent many hours creating lovely water color renditions of places she visited. A life-long lover of books, Miriam was known for weekly trips to the local library, leaving with up to 5 books at a time! Miriam passed away on June 19, 2017 after a very short illness. She was preceded in death by her parents and her older sister, Rebecca Halion and brothers, Billy and Brian Tyrrell, and best friends, Bridget Naughton, Msgr. Desmond Quinn, and Don Kiikka. She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Peter; daughter, Dina Polkinghorne and her husband Ori and grandchildren Quinn and Olivia Polkinghorne; her daughter, Mandy; her sisters, Jeanne Cahill, Ann Drumgoole, and Jackie Tyrrell, brothers, Pat and Paul Tyrrell, and many in-laws, nieces and nephews. We love you Miriam. There truly was no sweeter soul on earth. Your memory will be forever present in our hearts until we meet again.



Patrick J. Lynch
8/25/31-6/19/17
P.J. was born and raised in Ireland. He immigrated to the U.S. at 17 yrs old. He served in the Korean war and became an American citizen. He was married to Martha G. Sullivan (deceased) for 49 yrs. Together they raised children in the Catholic faith. He is survived by his 4 siblings, 5 adult children, 7 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren.

BROTHER PATRICK CORR, R.I.P.
Brother Patrick Corr was born in Co. Kilkenny on 27th April 1914 and passed away in Los Angeles on 9th June aged 103. Brother Patrick was the youngest of eleven children. He entered the Hospitaller Order of St John of God in 1939 in Ireland. After completing his education as a psychiatric nurse he was transferred to Los Angeles in 1946. Brother Patrick served in a variety of capacities for St. John of God including Vicar Provincial and Provincial. Brother Patrick was well known as a skilled fundraiser. He began a remarkable journey to raise funds over a 71-year span to develop St. John of God Retirement & Care Center on West Adams Blvd., in Los Angeles. Brother Patrick is survived by his religious family of Brothers of St. John of God and numerous family members throughout Ireland, Los Angeles and different parts of the world.

JOHNNY LYNCH, R.I.P.
Johnny Lynch, brother of Maureen and Kathy, son of Bridie and Jack Lynch passed away last weekend after a long illness. The parents are deceased and the girls live in Oregon, but the family was very involved in the Irish crowd in the 50s. Johnny and his sisters danced with Eddie Masterson in the Irish Rovers.
There will not be a service but a memorial will be held at his home in Lomita, CA, on July 2, 2017.
(Submitted by Denise Nolan)

CARMEL BRITE, R.I.P.
A Funeral Mass for Carmel Brite will be held on Saturday, July 8th at 10.00 a.m. at Saint Bernard's Catholic Church
9647 Beach St, Bellflower, CA 90706.
Reception immediately following in the church hall.
For information contact her daughter Veronica Brite, (562)805-3994.
Carmel was born in Co Cavan on January 1st 1926.
(Submitted by Pete Walsh)

May

Jeremiah (Jerry) O'Sullivan:

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Jeremiah O'Sullivan. Jerry is the son of Martin and Nancy O'Sullivan of Sun Valley, CA. Jerry was born September 25, 1960. He was the fifth child of six children. Jerry was a landscaper and loved his work. He enjoyed being outdoors, hiking, camping and just being surrounded by nature. We loved hearing his sto-ries while working in the oil and gas industry in the Western United States and Alaska with his brothers, Michael & Brendan, and some of his friends. He loved his family and friends. He took pleasure in cooking, music, yoga and politics. He was so proud of his Irish heritage. Both parents were born in Ireland; his dad, Martin was born in the Spa, Tralee, Co Kerry and his mother, Nancy was born in Baltygarron, Co Kerry.

Jerry was a kind, gentle, spiritual man. During the last year of his two year battle with cancer, he had a spiritual awakening and became very close to God.

He is proceeded in death by his mom, Nancy O'Sullivan. He leaves behind his wife, Robin and 17 year old son, Wyatt of Castaic, CA; his father, Martin O'Sullivan of Sun Valley, CA; brothers & sisters, Terri (Joe) Aguirre of Fillmore, CA; Michael (Gosia) O'Sullivan of Newbury Park, CA; Brendan (Faith) O'Sullivan of Austin, TX; Anne O'Sullivan of Sun Valley, CA; Maureen O'Sullivan (Tom Lynn) of Temecula, CA; his many nieces & nephews, great nieces & nephews, aunts and uncles in both the US and Ireland, including Msgr. Jeremiah O'Sullivan of San Diego, CA; and many cousins mostly in Ireland; and so many amazing friends.

Michael O'Connor passed away on May 23, 2017. A memorial Mass will be held on Friday,
June 9, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Cyril's Catholic Church,
15520 Ventura Boulevard, Encino, CA 91436.
Reception following the service in the Hall.

April

The death has occurred of **Laurence DONNELLAN**, Cloonreleagh, Mountbellew, Galway Donnellan, Cloonreleagh, Mountbellew, Co Galway, April 11th 2017. Laurence, be-loved husband of Angela, and loving father of Mark, Elaine and Laura. Predeceased by his brother Paddy and sister Ellen. Sadly missed by his loving family, his brothers Peter, An-thony, John, Francis, Kevin, Declan, his sister Mary Stout of Huntington Beach, brothers in law, sisters in law, nephews, nieces, neighbours and friends.

Mary Donnellan Stout lost her brother Patrick "Paddy" on 2nd June 2012 in Mountbellew; lost her husband Michael Stout on 27th January 2015 in Santa Monica; Lost her sister Mrs. Ellen Donnellan Harverty in Mountbellew in 2015.

Keep Mary and her family in your Prayers.

March

Martin McGuinness (66) died March 17th 2017, at Derry's Altnagelvin Hospital surrounded by his family, following a short illness.
The former member of the IRA's Army Council, Sinn Fein leader and Deputy First Minister of Northern Ireland, was diagnosed with a rare heart condition in December 2016. He resigned in late January this year.

Sinn Fein Martin McGuinness has passed away, aged 66, after a short illness.

One of Sinn Fein's chief negotiators of the Northern Ireland peace process, McGuinness led the party into power-sharing with the Democratic Unionists Party in 2007. He served as Deputy First Minister alongside Ian Paisley, Peter Robinson and Arlene Foster.
McGuinness, born in 1950, was one of seven children. His mother came from Buncrana, in County Donegal and his father from Derry city. At the age of 15 McGuinness left school and took up an apprenticeship at a butch-er's shop.
By 1972, the time of the Bloody Sunday killings by the British Army, in Derry's Bogside, McGuinness was a sen-ior figure in the local Irish Republican Army (IRA).
In 1974 McGuinness was released from Portlaoise Prison having served a sentence for his membership in the IRA conviction. McGuinness never denied or apologized for his membership in the IRA.
President Michael D Higgins led the tributes. On Tuesday morning he released a statement saying "The world of politics and the people across this island will miss the leadership he gave, shown most clearly during the difficult times of the peace process, and his commitment to the values of genuine democracy that he demon-strated in the development of the institutions in Northern Ireland.
"…His death leaves a gap that will be difficult to fill."
Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams said "Throughout his life Martin showed great determination, dignity and humility and it was no different during his short illness.
"He was a passionate republican who worked tirelessly for peace and reconciliation and for the re-unification of his country. "But above all he loved his family and the people of Derry and he was immensely proud of both. "On behalf of republicans everywhere we extend our condolences to Bernie, Fiachra, Emmett, Fionnuala and Grainne, grandchildren and the extended McGuinness family.

Sinn Fein's Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness. An Taoiseach (Ireland's Prime Minister)

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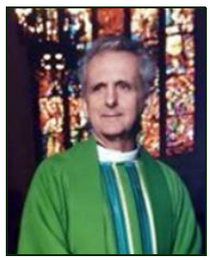
Enda Kenny said he "was deeply saddened to hear of the death of Martin McGuinness to-day. His passing represents a significant loss, not only to politics in Northern Ireland but to the wider political landscape on this island and beyond."
Britain's former Prime Minister Tony Blair says the peace process in Northern Ireland wouldn't have been possible without Martin McGuinness. In a statement, Blair referred to McGuinness setting "aside that armed struggle in favor of making peace."
Blair was prime minister when the Good Friday Agreement, between Northern Ireland's Protestant and Catholic political leaders, was signed in 1998.

December 28, 1921 - March 18, 2017 **Peggy Keelaghan** passed away peacefully at the age of 95 in the early morning of March 18, 2017, the day after Saint Patrick's Day. Her vocation as a teacher of young children inspired her to create Mel-O-Dee Montessori Preschool on Motor Avenue in Culver City in 1976. Using the innovative Montessori teaching method, she provided the foundation for a lifetime of fulfill-ment to thousands of children in Los Angeles. Peggy was born on December 28, 1921, in Ballybay, Monaghan County, Ireland, the fourth child of nine children of Greta and John James Moen. She attended school with the Sisters of Saint Louis in Monaghan and studied teaching at the Limerick National Teacher's Training College. She began teaching primary school at the Glasthule National School in Sandycove, Dublin, Ireland. Peggy mar-ried Kevin Keelaghan, also of Ballybay, an aeronautical engineer, having graduated from the Califor-nia Institute of Technology in Pasadena in 1943, at St. Bartholomew's Church in Long Beach in 1950. Peggy and Kevin had seven children, Joe, Therese, Eithne, Patrick, Margaret, Colum and Moira, all educated at Saint Jerome's Elementary School, and later Loyola High School, Saint Mary's Academy and Saint Bernard's High School. Peggy and Kevin were active members of the Los Angeles Cinema Club, writing scenarios and creating films together, for which they won numerous awards, including awards at the Cannes Amateur Film Festival. As a parishioner of Saint Anastasia's Parish, Peggy was a frequent reader at weekly and Sunday Mass, helped bring communion to the sick of the parish, and was always available to lend a hand to a new mother of twins or tidy the rectory and care for its garden. Peggy will be greatly missed by the staff of Mel-O-Dee Montessori Preschool, parish members and many friends. Peggy is survived by six of her seven children, their spouses and nine grandchildren: Joe and Toya Keelaghan of Los Angeles; Therese Keelaghan and Michel Silvestre and grandchildren Claire Silvestre Longin and Damien Silvestre of Aix-en-Provence, France; Eithne Keel-aghan and Brian Masters and grandchildren Conal, Bronwyn and Cormac Masters of Baltimore; Melissa, widow of Patrick Keelaghan, and their children, Nikolaus and Ryan Keelaghan of Los Ange-les; Margaret Keelaghan of Los Angeles; Colum and Megan Keelaghan of Richmond; and Moira and Sandy Solowitz and grandchildren Samantha and Molly Solowitz of Los Angeles. She was preceded in death by her husband, Kevin Keelaghan, and her son, Patrick Keelaghan, of Los Angeles. She is survived by three of her siblings: Betty Corcoran and Liam Moen of Dublin, and Marie Durkan of Baltimore. Services held at Saint Anastasia Catholic Church on Saturday, March 25, 2017 at 10:30 a.m., were followed by a reception. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Peggy Keelaghan to the Alzheimer's Association at alz.org. To offer online condolences, please visit www.douglassmortuaryelsegundo.com.
Published in the Los Angeles Times on Mar. 26, 2017

Bernadette McTeague Born 1938 pasted away suddenly 15th March 2017 in Belfast. Bernadette was the youngest of the family, predeceased by her brothers Eddie, Tom, and Jimmy also predeceased by her two sisters Teresa and Mary. Survived by brother Gerry who lives in North Hollywood with his wife and children.



Jeremiah T. Murphy August 19, 1937 - March 1, 2017 Monsignor Jeremiah Timothy Murphy, the in-spiring, eloquent and forward-thinking pastor of St. Victor Catholic Church in West Hollywood, CA, passed away on March 1, 2017. He was 79. Monsignor Murphy, a Los Angeles native, was the son of Patrick Joseph Murphy and Marie Cremins Murphy. During his education at Transfiguration, he decided that he had a calling to the priesthood and entered St. John's Seminary. He was ordained at St. Vibiana's Cathedral on May 1, 1963 and began his lifetime career as a dedicated and innovative priest in the Los Angeles Archdiocese. Over the course of his graduate education, he obtained Master's degrees in Science, Arts and Religious Studies from Mount Saint Mary's University; a Master's of Business Administration and Doctorate of Education from Pepperdine University; and a Doctorate of Philosophy from the University of Southern California. After being ordained, Monsignor Murphy was tapped to helm numerous positions for the Archdiocese. During his first years as a priest, he was the associate pastor of American Martyrs School, Manhattan Beach; the associate pastor of our Lady of Guadalupe, La Habra; and was in residence at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Anaheim as well as at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Baldwin Park. While he was in residence at St. John the Baptist, Monsignor

Murphy was the vice principal of Bishop Amat High School. He went on to teach at St. Paul High School in Santa Fe Springs from 1967 to 1973 while simultaneously serving on the Liturgical Commission. In 1973, he was made principal of Bishop Amat High School, a position he held untill 1976. Monsignor Murphy subsequently served as associate superintendent of high schools for the Archdiocese and was promoted to superintendent of high schools and colleges, serving for nearly a decade in this position. While in residence at St. Basil's, he was named administrator pro tempore and again, named administrator pro tempore at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church from 1986 -1988. Elevated to the position of Monsignor in 1978, he served as secretariat director for the Archdiocese from 1986 to 1991 and pastor of St. Brendan, Hancock Park from 1988 to 2000. Appointed as Administrator of St. Victor, West Hollywood in 2000, Monsignor Murphy was named pastor in 2003 where he served until his passing, continuing to shepherd the parish beyond the customary retirement age of 75 for priests. Despite suffering from a very debilitating illness, Monsignor Murphy continued to say Mass multiple times a day with his congregation. As St. Victor's Pastor, Monsignor Murphy introduced many initiatives and programs to keep the Parish vital and vibrant. One of his many successful outreaches was the launch of the Church's new pre-school, which brought West Hollywood families to St. Victor. With his deep commitment to continued education for his flock, Monsignor instituted many programs at the Parish such as weekly meditation hours, nightly Eucharistic adoration and thought-provoking speaker series. Monsignor Murphy was on the board of the Dan Murphy Foundation, the Don Bosco Technical Institute, Junipero Serra High School and Queens Care in Los Angeles County. He also founded the McIntyre House, a non-profit substance abuse recovery home for men. Remembering Monsignor Murphy, Monsignor Gregory A. Cox, the executive director of Catholic Charities, said, "Even though Monsignor Murphy was blessed with many spiritual and intellectual gifts, his humility helped him maintain his spirit of service to God and others." Monsignor Murphy is survived by his sister Kathleen Justice Murphy, brother Patrick (Connie) Murphy, his nieces and nephews Kevin Muno, Mike (Judy) Muno, Therese (Sam) Hernandez, Maureen (Tom) Hensley, Larry (Kim) Muno and Patrick (Robyn) Murphy. He is also survived by many cousins, great-nieces and nephews. Monsignor Murphy was preceded in death by his beloved parents Patrick and Marie Murphy and his brother Michael Murphy. A vigil will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 7:00 PM at St. Victor Church, 8634 Holloway Dr., West Hollywood, CA 90069. The funeral Mass will be said at St. Victor on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 11:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the McIntyre House, 544 N Kenmore Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90004, 323.662.0855. Monsignor Murphy's leadership, guidance and compassion will be remembered and greatly missed by all who were fortunate to know him.

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In loving memory
Monsignor John Kieran Foley
1935-2017

Our beloved Fr. Jack has gone to be with the Lord. Early on the morning of Ash Wednesday, Fr. Jack gave up his soul to God. It was a peaceful passing surrounded by family members. May he rest in peace.

Fr. Jack touched the lives of many as a servant of the Lord and his family and parish community thank you for your prayers over the last year

Funeral Arrangements for
Monsignor John K. Foley

Visitation and Viewing
Friday, March 10th
9am to 9pm
Holy Redeemer Church
2411 Montrose Avenue
Montrose, California

Funeral Mass

Saturday, March 11th
10am
Holy Redeemer Church
2411 Montrose Avenue
Montrose, California

Internment

Saturday, March 11th

Following the Mass
All Souls Cemetery
4400 Cherry Avenue
Long Beach, California

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that gifts are directed to:

The Monsignor John Foley
Legacy Society
c/o Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
2411 Montrose Avenue
Montrose, CA 91020

January

Dominic Agustus "GUS" Dennison

Gus was born in Letterkenny, Co. Donegal in 1933. He was the youngest boy (of 8 children) when his father died, and as such he was allowed to get away with murder. He worked on the family farm and when he was 15, he worked at the Carrigart Hotel as a bartender.

He soon got the wanderlust, and sailed to NY when he was 21. He worked as a carpenter and he served in the US Army from 1954-57. When he got out it wasn't long before he met a Scottish lass named Cathy Cairns. They were married in 1961 and decided to vacation out in California in a '57 Chevy. Soon after, they had their first son, Sean, and never left California.

They found a tight-knit Irish crowd in Alhambra and specifically St. Therese Church. It was at this time he began his career as a master landscaper (the rectory and convent were among his accounts). They had Irish dances with Irish bands with Irish whisky.

He grew his business and as a result became more financially comfortable, leading to more children and a move to a bigger house. Brian was born and then Kyle.

In 1971, they moved from El Molino in Alhambra to De Sales in San Gabriel. Gus and Cathy bought a camper and we would go back-packing in the Sierras, riding trail horses up the High Uintas, whitewater rafting down the Stanislaus or, on special occasions, we would take that trip to Ireland and Scotland. We learned how to fish, to light fires and become young men.

We spent summers in Coronado and winters in Big Bear in our cabin. All the while dad was working from 4:30 am to 4 pm to put his 3 sons through private grade school, private high And when those three sons had children, he would do anything for his grandchildren. He told them stories of the wee leprechauns and slipped them a buck or two every time he saw them. He brought pink donuts to one and gave his army jacket to another. He gave them avocados to sell and played with them on the swings. school, and private college. Incredible. We never wanted for anything.

His whole life he was very mischievous and made everybody laugh. He was a gentleman and a scholar. Survived by his wife, Cathy; his children, Sean, Brian, Kyle/Valerie; his grandchildren, Rory, Ciara, Liam, Shayleigh, and Fionn.

In Memory of Annie **Kathleen Doody** October 12, 1928 - January 26, 2017

Kathleen was born in County Leitrim to James and Annie McGowan. Kathleen had three brothers – Patrick, James, and Michael. The en re McGowan family except for Michael immigrated to Los An- geles. Like many immigrants at that me, Kathleen a ended Irish dances at Fi h and Western and it was at one of those dances she met her future husband, James Doody.

Kathleen and James were married on June 28, 1952 and shortly a er that moved to Alhambra where they raised a family with four children – Kathy, Kevin, Jimmy, and Eileen. Kathleen and James were very ac ve and loyal supporters of various organiza ons, including Ireland's Own Social Club and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. They enjoyed a ending Irish eld days, dances, and concerts.

Kathleen was a proud American ci zen and, a er caring for her family, she earned a high school di- ploma by a ending classes at night,. Kathleen loved to garden and she par cularly loved rose bush- es. She also enjoyed reading and took great pride in sewing many of her own clothes. She enjoyed taking trips with her family to the beach, to na onal parks, and back to Ireland.

A er a long ba le with Alzheimers, Kathleen died on January 26, 2017 at her home in Alhambra sur- rounded by her four children, seven grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren plus one on the way.
A rosary and funeral mass will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2017 beginning at 10:00 am. She will be interred at Calvary Cemetery with her husband James. Both her parents are also interred at Calvary. The rosary and mass will be held at St. Thomas More Church, 2510 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, CA 91803

Church: 626-284-8333
Recep on: Saturday, February 11, 2017 St Therese Church 1100 E Alhambra Rd, Alhambra, California

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In Loving Memory

William (Liam) Joseph Butler
May 6, 1937-January 22, 2017

On Sunday, January 22nd, **Liam Butler** peacefully departed this life at the age of 79 surrounded by family. Born in Birmingham, England on May 6th. 1937 to Michael Kieran Butler and Anne Doyle, Liam grew up at Desart, Cuffes Grange in Co. Kilkenny, Ireland. St. Kieran's College enabled Liam to pursue academic excellence, igniting a lifelong love of literature, language, mathematics, and hurling. Following matriculation, Liam worked for the Kilkenny County Council but later moved to London, England seeking continued opportunity. Finding little, he followed his family to Los Angeles. In California, Liam met and married Margaret (néeCampbell) in September 1970. After receiving a bachelor's and master's degrees in Mathematics from Long Beach State University, he secured work with the federal government, moving with Margaret to Washington, D.C. It was there that their daughter was born. Longing to return with his family to California, Liam was poised to take the first federal position that became available outside of Washington, D.C. Offered a position in Biloxi, Mississippi, he waited for a second position to open up. It was this second opportunity, at the NIDDK (NIH) Phoenix, Arizona branch that Liam seized. He served as its IT Director until his retirement. In retirement, Liam continued to build computers and tweak other electronic devices with treasures gathered from his temple, Fry's Electronics. In quietude, he could be found sharing an ice cream cone with a dog and French fries with his cat. Despite living far from Ireland, Ireland was never far from his heart as he stoked an interest in Irish sporting events, music, and current events, especially with other Irish expatiates like his friends the Loreto sisters.

Liam is sadly missed and lovingly remembered by his wife, Margaret; daughter, Fionnuala; sisters, Elizabeth, Anne, and Marie; brothers, Michael and Patrick, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, neighbors, and friends. He also leaves behind his beloved cats, both feline and Kilkenny. Liam's keen insight, quick wit, teasing humor, hearty laugh, and kind smile are now gone from our presence. May his imperfections be perfectly preserved in the memories of those of us who loved

Stella Josephine Guinan (nee McNally) was born in Belfast on 17th September 1931 and passed away in Long Beach on 19th January 2017. Stella was predeceased by her husband, Pat- rick Guinan--from O aly--on 6th June 2009. Stella is now in heaven with her husband "Pat" and her beloved mother and father and sister Kathleen.

Stella is survived by a son: Anthony Guinan who lives in Long Beach; daughter: Patricia Barre & granddaughter, Julia both living in New York.

Also survived by sister: Marie Moore in Belfast; sister Susan (Ann) Moore of Norfolk, UK and brother Frank Connolly of Belfast.

Stella worked for Paci c Telephone for several years with life me friend Nancy Murphy--(West Covina). Stella was a professional ballroom dancer. She was a member of AOH Ladies Division (Orange County); was involved with People for Others at St Cornelius Church in Long Beach. Stella was a willing helper to Sister Alicia at the Irish Social the second Sunday of each month at St Cornelius Church hall. Stella was also a published poet.

The services for Stella Guinan took place at St Cornelius Church, Long Beach on Saturday 28th January with Father Michael Gleeson the celebrant

Terry Anderson was born July 16th 1943 to Lucille and Albert Anderson in Cleveland Ohio and passed away here on 19th January, 2017.
Terry a ended Baldwin Wallace College, Cleveland Ohio gradua ng Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor’s Degree in History and a scholarship to John Marshall Law School.

In the late 70's Terry joined his family in California. Terry’s professional career included working for the Los Angeles County Counsel, Assistant City A orney for the City of Pasade- na, and later a private prac ce

In the 1970’s Terry discovered his love for Ireland and par cipa on with the Ancient Order of Hibernians. In the 1980’s Terry was the founding President of the Southern California Irish Fair Founda on and Rose of Tralee Pageant. Terry was also “the leading light” at the yearly Los Angeles City’s St Patrick’s Celebra ons at City Hall.

As President of the Irish Fair Founda on, Terry was the face of the Southern California Irish American community. His interest was furthering Irish culture, music and goodwill.

Services for Terry Anderson were held at St Charles Borromeo Church on 28th January 2017. Terry leave his brothers, Allyn Anderson, Dale Anderson and Gary Anderson, and hundreds of friends who all will deeply miss his conversa ons, with and poli cal opinions.

Terry is now in heaven planning another Irish Fair

Noel John Devine was born on 17th December 1924 in Longford and died peacefully on 16th January 2017, at his home in Long Beach. Noel was the last surviving sibling of sixteen children born to the late Thomas and Margaret Devine.

Noel emigrated from Ireland to California in 1961. He originally met his wife Mary in Ireland and then reunited with her in Long Beach in 1962. They were married in 1963. Noel never forgot his roots and his family; he and his family were regular visitors to Longford and else- where in Ireland and England over the years. He was a devoted husband, father, brother, and uncle. A sel ess and hardworking provider, Noel was a man of deep faith and kindness with the most genuine spirit. He was a devoted parishioner of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Long Beach for more than 50 years and a faithful Catholic his whole life.

Noel will be fondly remembered for his love of old movies, taking photos ("Ready...steady...go!"), and all things automo ve. His sense of humor was infec ous. Even while his health was in decline, he could be counted on for a joke out of the blue in the Longford lilt that he never lost.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Lynch Devine; daughter, Margaret Devine; son, Thomas Devine; daughter, Anne-Marie Devine Tasto (Ma hew); granddaughter, Monica Mary Tasto; and a grandson to-be. Services were held at St Joseph's Church in Long Beach on 28th Janu- ary 2017.

September 6, 1925 - January 8, 2017 **Reverend John Joseph Daly** leapt into eternal life on the feast of the Epiphany, Sunday, January 8, 2017. Fr. John was born in Ardee, Co. Louth, Ireland on September 6, 1925. He was the sec- ond son of Peter Daly and Rose Reilly and was raised on the hills and country roads around his beloved Ballapusta. At age 23 he went o on his rst over- seas adventure which took him to New South Wales, Australia. There he worked on a sheep farm. During this me, Fr. John heard the call of the Lord

to serve him as a priest. Following his seminary training at All Hallows College Seminary in Dublin, Ireland, he was ordained on June 14, 1959. His rst assignment was to the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn at St. Peter and Paul's Catholic Church in Goulburn, New South Wales, Australia. He spent the next 15 years in Australia. In 1974 he traveled to California where he served the Archdiocese of Los Angeles in various parishes. He re red as pastor of Holy Trinity parish in Atwater Village in 1997 but remained ac ve both at Holy Trinity and the SungSam Korean Center un l recently. Fr. John is preceded in death by his parents, Peter Daly and Rose Reilly; his sisters, Phyllis and Mary; and brothers, Peadar and Micheal. He is survived by siblings, Imelda, Patrick (Frances), Joe (Ailish), Oliver (Maureen), Tommy (Marge), Ann, and Gerard, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand- nephews, family and friends who will cherish his memory forever. Services were held at Holy Trinity Church, Los Angeles on 14th January, 2017. (L. A. Times)